



## Budget Cycle



### 1. PRELIMINARY BUDGETING

During early budget discussions, which span spring and summer, the County Board factors in legislative session actions and cost trends in delivery of services.

### 2. MAXIMUM TAX LEVY SET

By law, this is set by September 30. The levy amount can still decrease as the budget is fine-tuned, but cannot increase. The levy accounts for roughly a third of St. Louis County's total budget. The budget continues to be refined and revised.

### 3. PUBLIC BUDGET MEETINGS

Citizens have the opportunity to speak with Commissioners. Meetings take place in late November/early December.

### 4. FINAL BUDGET AND LEVY

This is set by mid-December. Citizens receive property tax statement reflecting levy in March.

### 5. SERVICES DELIVERED

St. Louis County's budget supports services for its citizens.

School districts, cities/townships and special taxing districts follow a similar process. Their levy amounts are also included on the property tax statement sent by the County.